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October 22, 2007

To: Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky, Chair
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Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich

From: William T Fujioka
Chief Executive Officer

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STATUS OF FIRES IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY OCTOBER 22, 2007- 4:00 P.M.

The Los Angeles County Operational Area Emergency Operations Center (CEOC) activated on Sunday October 21, 2007, at 12:40 p.m. in response to the multiple fires currently burning in the Los Angeles County Operational Area.

- The "Canyon Fire" in Malibu
 - Estimated 2,400 acres burned
 - Approximately 16 structures destroyed (5 homes, 1 church)
 - This fire is currently 10% contained
 - No evacuations are currently underway
 - There are 1,446 firefighters and 92 law enforcement personnel are on scene
 - The City of Malibu EOC is fully activated
 - Evacuation site has been set up at Malibu High School
- The "Buckweed Fire" in the Canyon Country/Agua Dulce area
 - Estimated 37,500 acres burned
 - 3,800 homes currently threatened
 - 25 structures destroyed and 2 bridges (Vasquez Canyon Rd. at Bouquet Canyon and Vasquez Canyon at Sierra Highway)
 - This fire is currently 20% contained
 - About 5,500 homes are being evacuated affecting 15,000 people
 - There are 680 firefighters are on scene
 - Law enforcement has 219 personnel on scene at the Buckweed and Ranch fires
 - The City of Santa Clarita EOC is fully activated

- The "Ranch Fire" near Castaic
 - Estimated 29,000 acres burned
 - Approximately 150 homes have been threatened with 2 structures destroyed
 - There are 590 firefighter personnel are on scene
 - Evacuations are in progress

The County's 2-1-1 information line has been set up for residents to call for assistance and referrals; call 211 or (800) 980-4995.

All County Fire resources are deployed and Mutual Aid resources have been requested from state. FEMA has approved a Fire Management Assistance Grant (FMAG) to assist with the cost of fighting the fires.

The State proclaimed a State of Emergency on Sunday, October 21, 2007. The County proclaimed a local emergency on Sunday; paperwork to ratify the proclamation will be presented at the October 23, 2007 meeting of the Board of Supervisors.

At this time the County of Los Angeles and the City of Santa Clarita are the **ONLY** jurisdictions that have proclaimed local emergencies. Malibu will proclaim a local emergency as soon as possible.

DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES

Sheriff

- The Sheriff's Department is deployed responding to security needs at fire locations.
- The South facility at Pitchess Detention Center has been evacuated with all inmates transferred to North County Correctional Facility.

Mental Health

Mental Health/Crisis Counseling Operations - one mental health officer deployed to Saugus, one deployed to Santa Clarita. Mental Health has set up a hotline for assistance; the number is (800) 854-7771.

Animal Control

Staff is deployed at fire locations and is working to evacuate animals from threatened areas as needed.

- Lancaster Shelter is accepting only horses
- Castaic Shelter is accepting only small animals
- Pierce College Shelter is accepting only horses
- Agoura Shelter has no restrictions on accepting animals

Beaches and Harbors

Parking lot restrooms at Zuma Beach are open to the public for evacuation and related functions. Malibu has activated its emergency permit with Beaches and Harbors to include tents, tables, chairs, etc.

Health Services

Under a mutual aid assistance request, five ambulances were sent to San Diego County to assist in the transport of patients from a hospital that is being evacuated.

Probation

Five County Probation Camps have been evacuated:

- Camp Gonzales (inmates moved to Camp Miller)
- Camps Munz and Mendenhall (inmates moved to Challenger in Lancaster)
- Camps Scott and Scudder (inmates moved to Nidorf)

Public Works

A timber-truss bridge on Vasquez Canyon Road is a complete loss.

School Status - Tuesday

All Schools Closed

Newhall School District

Saugus Union School District

Sulphur Springs School District.

Some Schools Closed

Santa Clarita Community Day School

Topanga Canyon Elementary

Santa Monica-Malibu Unified – Only Malibu Schools Closed

- Cabrillo Elementary
- Point Dume Marine Science Elementary
- Webster Elementary
- Malibu Middle School
- Malibu High

Schools Open

Acton Agua Dulce Union

Castaic Union

Gorman Joint Union

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Hughes Elizabeth Lakes Union

Las Virgenes Union

William S. Hart Union High School District

Cities

Various cities have provided equipment and staffing to the fire fighting effort. The City of Malibu reports sporadic power issues and no access to local television.

In Santa Clarita, road closures remain in effect for all but local residents. Local residents must show identification for access to Sierra, Sand, Steinway and White Canyons.

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c: Emergency Management Council
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